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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

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I. GENERAL

A. On 9 August, Paraguay Bureau celebrated its 15th anniversary with a grand "fiesta" to which embassy personnel, including Ambassador Taylor, were invited. The bureau chief raised champagne toasts to the local employees, some of whom have been with the bureau since its inception, and their continued success. Everyone also savored a mouth-watering array of sweets and the congratulatory message from FBIS Director Robert Manners.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to a Wire request, the bureau from 1 to 5 August filed numerous items on the Argentine financial crisis and the new government economic package.

2. On the 2d, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz began a swing through several Southern Cone countries by meeting with Argentine President Alfonsin. The real excitement came on the 8th, during Shultz' visit to Bolivia, when a dynamite stick was set off as his motorcade passed, shattering the windows of the car that carried Mrs. Shultz. The bureau filed numerous immediate items on the attack.

3. On the 30th, the Chilean Armed Forces commanders in chief and the director general of the Carabineros selected President Augusto Pinochet Ugarte as the sole candidate for the upcoming plebiscite, which they announced will be held on 5 October. The bureau filed immediate items on the decision to name Pinochet as the candidate and General Pinochet's acceptance speech. Items were also filed on anti-government demonstrations held after the candidate was selected.

B. Cruising

1. For a periodic update of the bureau's ability to backstop Panama Bureau, the cruising monitor observed and reported reception of shortwave radio, satellite television, and HF press agencies on coverage at Panama.

2. On 11 August a repeater station of Asuncion RFC Television Network was observed to begin transmission on Channel 10 in Vallemi.

3. The cruising monitor observed and reported that as of 9 August audio transmissions of Lima Television Peruana and Lima Domestic Service off the 53.0W Intelsat were being broadcast at RF 3755 MHz, a change from 3828 MHz.

4. On the 13th, Lima Television Peruana, off the 53.0W Intelsat, was observed to change its video transponder to RF 4105.

5. The cruising monitor observed and reported that Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color off the 53.0W Intelsat was broadcasting at RF 4016 MHz RHCP and at RF 4175 LHCP. Audio subcarriers for Buenos Aires Radio Nacional were broadcasting at 5.5 and 7.0 MHz.

6. Bogota Inravision Television Cadena 1 off the 27.5W Intelsat was observed to be transmitting at RF 3791 MHz, in addition to the audio carrier at RF 3789 MHz reported by Panama Bureau.

7. In response to a request from Panama Bureau, the cruising monitor checked for a spot beam carrier off the 45.0W Panamsat and confirmed that no such carrier was monitorable in Paraguay.

C. Local Services

1. The bureau provided several tapes to help USIS combat a disinformation campaign under way here which alleges that babies adopted in Paraguay are being taken to the United States to provide organs for transplant operations.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Personnel

1. Staff engineer and family arrived in Asuncion on 2 August.

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III. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A. The impending departure of Ambassador Clyde Taylor sparked farewell parties throughout the community that were attended by bureau staff and family members.

IV. VISITS

B. On 31 August the Bureau Chief gave two new embassy officers a bureau tour and briefing.



Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

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